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A REUNION AND PICNIC OCCASION.

OLD TIME RELIGION PREACHED; HYMNS OF OUR FATHERS REHEARSED.

A Happy Celebration Held Near Farber Last Sunday.

The editor and wife have not spent a happier day in recent years than we enjoyed last Sunday with that splendid people in the community south and southeast of Farber, near Prairie Hill school house. We went there principally upon invitation of our old lang syne friend, Rev. W. H. Hook, of Mexico, who used to preach at Prairie Hill 33 years ago. Last Sunday was planned as a reunion of the fathers and mothers and their children who used to listen to the Gospel as presented by Bro. Hook in those pioneer times.

The gathering was held in a grove—"God's first temples"—on Mr. J. D. Pitt's farm, a native of that neighborhood and who was the good man who met us at the station in Farber and who saw that we got to the grounds and back, again. To him and his good wife and promising young son, Master Bryan, we are under lasting obligations, as well as to others on the grounds who showed us every courtesy.

The people were pouring into the grounds by 9 o'clock. A union meeting of five Sunday schools was held—West Plains, Russell Nuckles, superintendent, and the four schools at Farber, the Baptist, Judge J. D. Sutton, superintendent; Christian, W. C. Johnson, superintendent; Presbyterian, Dr. Mayes, superintendent, and Methodist, C. A. Davault, superintendent.

After this Rev. Hook preached, with his old-time fire and zeal. Nothing but the old hymns of "our fathers" were sung: "There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood," "On Jordan's Happy Shore," "Jesus Lover of My Soul," etc. No musical instrument of any kind was used. Somebody offered to bring an organ, but it was humorously stated that Bro. Hook threatened to throw it in the creek. The old and young voices present made the woods ring with the praise of song and the old times.

At the noon hour there was a great spread of dinner. There were perhaps a thousand people on the grounds by this time and everybody was fed and yet there was "thousands left." The people vied with each other in showing genuine old-time hospitality.

At two o'clock the voice of song was raised again, followed by another sermon by Rev. Hook. Bro. Hook announced as part of his text something about how women should obey their husbands, and at the time we wondered how he would save himself with such a theme, but he got thru all right and made an application that we had never heard before, which was all pleasing to the ladies. All adjourned from the stand singing, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Following this there was general conversation and greetings and old stories rehearsed of the earlier settlements in that neighborhood, recalling the names of those once here but now gone. A list of the old settlers of that neighborhood will be interesting here:

N. H. Sutton and wife came to the neighborhood in 1855. Mr. Sutton is 80 years old and was

present today. His wife is dead. He makes his home with his



N. H. Sutton.

daughter, Mrs. J. D. Sutton.

The following were old settlers, but are dead, or thought to be: L. G. Burk, M. F. Hamlett, James Hall, Jacob Crow, J. H. Pitt, A. B. Toliver, Wm. Miller, A. M. Huntley, Robt. Brown, J. D. Carroll, Ezra Decker, L. D. McCann, John Elzea, Sr., John Elzea, Jr., Richmond Hognelan, Thomas W. Waugh, Sr., John Grafford, D. Kelley, W. H. Gatson, Chas. Moore, Joe Toliver.

The following are known to be living: J. F. Sisk, California; Jno.



Judge J. D. Sutton.

and Jake Stolder, Joe Hudson, Joe Fritz, Sim Ross, Wm. Heckert, Mack Brown, G. W. Adams, Mexico; George Adams, Jr., W. P. Johnson, Henry Grafford, H. H. Kelley, George Burch, Z. T. Burch, of Kansas City; J. B. Schroll, of Georgia; J. D. Pitt, G. O. Watson, Dan Farrington, R. T. Steele, of Columbia; M. J. Jones, Wm. Jones, Amos Sutton, Henry Elzea.

Only a very few of the above known to be living were back on the old grounds Sunday.

The writer was happy to meet the following old friends or new ones: W. J. Crow and wife, R. E. Page, John Hickerson, Mrs. Nancy Harris, Frank Van Winkle, Wm. Ball, A. Jones, D. A. Nation and wife, W. S. Barbee and family, J. D. Pitt and family, G. O. Watson and wife, Judge J. D. Sutton and wife, W. P. Johnson, W. C. Johnson and wife, Senator M. R. K. Biggs, M. J. Jones, L. M. McCann, T. T. J. Parker, Z. M. Copenhaven, J. A. Edwards, W. B. Braden and family, J. E. Elder, L. B. Deaton, Rush Harmon, C. W. Tanner, W. B. Langford, R. S. Nuckles, G. O. Dehass, Sam Carroll, J. C. De Laporte, G. B. Moore and family, S. S. Coons and family, and many others.

Other Mentions.

Prof. W. S. Barbee led the singing and he did it well, too. His heart is always tuned for song. W. J. Crow had his Sunday school class present in a body. He is an enthusiastic S. S. man.

There were people there from Farber, Vandalia, Curryville, Louisiana, Bowling Green, Wellsville, Laddonia and Mexico.

Every man in Pleasant Plains neighborhood owns his home. There is but one rented farm in that locality. The community is exceptional in this respect.

Charlie Tanner asked the writer

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BOY SCOUTS TO BE IN CAMP.

JULY 8 TO 11; AT THEIR CABIN IN NORTH OF MEXICO.

No Guns, No Drinking Creek Water and Other Prohibitions.

The Boy Scouts of Mexico will go on their annual camp July 8 to 11, at their new cabin, four miles north of town, on the electric railroad. A scoutmaster will be in charge all the time, although the camp will be practically in charge of the scouts.

No guns will be allowed in camp and every effort will be made to keep the camp sanitary at all times. The boys are warned against drinking creek water.

The parents of the boys and the Scout Council are invited to be present on the last day for dinner and to witness the athletic events. Others interested are invited for the afternoon events.

Boys, who intend going, must report to P. L. Hanly at once.

Daily Routine.

6 a. m.—Reveille.
7 a. m.—Breakfast.
7:30 a. m.—Police camp.
8 a. m.—Inspection, raising the colors and details.
9 a. m.—Regular program.
12 noon—Dinner.
1 p. m.—Talk by Scoutmaster.
1:30 p. m.—Regular program.
6 p. m.—Supper.
7:30 p. m.—Council Fire.
10 p. m.—Taps.

Regular Program—First Day, July 8.

Scoutmaster Roy Ferris in charge.

9 a. m.—Work on cabin and bridge.
10:30 a. m.—Swim and rescue work.

1:30 p. m.—Signalling.
3 p. m.—Water games.
4 p. m.—Map drawing.

Second Day, July 9—First Aid.

Scoutmaster H. W. Gibbs in charge.
Resuscitation from drowning and bandaging wounds.
Games.

Third Day, July 10—Woodcraft.

Scoutmaster P. L. Hanly in charge.

9 a. m.—Instruction in water.
9:30 a. m.—Trip to swamp to study different birds and animals.
1 p. m.—Lecture on morning trip.

1:30 p. m.—SURPRISE.

7:30 p. m.—At Council Fire. Boy passing best examination on Woodcraft to receive a silver medal.

Fourth Day, July 11—Athletics.

Scoutmaster L. M. White in charge.

(Parents of Scouts and Scout Council expected to be present for dinner and attend afternoon meet.)
9 a. m.—Preliminary athletic events.
2 p. m.—Final events.

There will be three classes—

1st Class—Boys under 85 pounds.

2nd Class—Boys under 100 pounds.

3rd Class—Boys over 100 pounds.

All classes will take part in the following events:

50 yard dash.

Running broad jump.

Running high jump.

Hop-step-and-jump.

Pole vault.

Swimming race.

Fire building race to boil water.

First aid competition.

A medal will be given to the making the most points in all events; for the best showing in First Aid and the patrol making the best showing will be given a special patrol flag.

PRAIRIE LEA.

Rain Wanted—A Fast Ball Game—Wild Cat.

Everything is on the boom but corn. It is on the bum.

Dick Doerge says his crop is growing into the ground instead of out. Dick has bought a new twelve shovel cultivator and says it runs fine down hill, but it is too hard on the weeds. Dick says if crops are good he will get himself a new hat and a hair-cut this fall. Luck to him.

Let it rain.

Bob Hook planted three acres of watermelons this spring. He says they are now waist-high and still growing. Bob is a corker.

Let it rain.

Jake Larue gave a big ice cream supper the other night for the benefit of his neighbors. All enjoyed a good time. Jake will make a farmer yet if he keeps on. His prospects are good.

Prairie Lea was overtaken by a fearful dew-storm last Wednesday night, doing much damage. Several of Philip Shire's fine frogs perished of buttermilk fever. Other small live stock was more or less injured.

"In case of fire Hogrow fer wather." Our motto. Composed by Pat O'Flannigan on the 12th of June, 1910, as he sat in contemplative meditation on the mossy banks of the anubling Wild Cat River way down on Prairie Lea, where the big frogs bellow and the fat toads belch where the bluegrass blooms in the bottom barnyards and the watermelons ripen in the mellow moonlight.

Let it rain.

Charley Williamshorst, the big, fat, sassy bachelor of the Lea, is the proud owner of fourteen house dogs. Charley is also a good fiddler.

The biggest event lately was the base ball game between the Prairie Lea No Sox and the Benton City Giants at Benton, June 30th. The game was fast and furious, lasting only one hundred and thirty-seven three and one-fourth minutes in all. Philip Shire was there with his moving picture machine, trying to get some films for a New York theatre company, but the boys moved so fast that he could not even catch a view of their shadows. The game closed at last in a very short time, with Prairie Lea one score in the lead. Watch the St. Louis and Baltimore papers for full particulars of the great game.

Small Boy Dead.

James Newton, 12 years old, son of Mrs. Nadine Glover of this city, died last Sunday of typhoid fever. The body was shipped to Olathe, Kan., for burial.

Little Child Dead.

The three months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lorton, of this city, died last Thursday night. The burial was Friday at Rising Sun church. The parents have the sympathy of the community in their sorrow.

Ate Poisoned Cabbage.

Mrs. Mary Haskell and her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Holmes, have been very ill from cabbage they ate at supper last Thursday night. The cabbage was bought up town and is supposed to have been poisoned from paris green or insect powder sprinkled on it while in the garden.

Tom Null remains critically ill.

AUDRAIN RURAL GRADUATES.

FARBER AND NEW MICHIGAN HAVE LARGEST NUMBER.

A Fine List, Covering the Entire County.

County Superintendent of Schools, J. L. Shobe, hands us the following list of Audrain County Rural Graduates who recently received their certificates:

East Lick School—Ella Criswell, Teacher, Raymond Shotwell, Selma Kristofferson, Blanche Green, Christine Gabriel.

Rush Hill School—Mattie Montague, Teacher, Laura Maxwell, Pleasant Green—Bulah Griffin, Teacher, Wilda Berrey, Boyd School—Emory L. Gooch, Teacher, Nettie Alford, High Hill School—Addie E. Cunningham, Teacher, Louis Augustus Iman, Anna Miller, Lula Belle Zehr, Beaver Dam School—J. S. Porter, Teacher, Myra Fay McClintick, Duly School—Lillian Crawford, Teacher, Blanche Day, Otto Niddersehutte, Mary Burke, West Lick School—May Hofrichter, Teacher, John Beagles, Ward Beagles, Laura Snedeker, Bear Slough School—Della Talbott, Teacher, John Hammett, Naylor School—Ethyl Baker, Teacher, Elsie Mackey, Ora Mackey, Central School—Ruby Love, Teacher, Mary Beamer, Bulah Patrick, Lula Snow, Walker School—Geo. D. Coakley, Teacher, Fay Meehlin, Clemma Flynn, Josephine Erb, Harrison School—Mary Farrington, Teacher, Edwin Winters, Anna Winters, Elery Pool, Lillian Johnson, Willie Winters, Chapel Grove School—Sallie Crane, Teacher, Walter Deardorff, Daniels School—Nannie Kennan, Teacher, Viola Hagans, Sunrise School—Elizabeth O'Brien Teacher, Nora Williams, Charley Clark, Boren School—Hugh B. Brown, Teacher, Myra Miller, Dye School—Mattie Talley, Teacher, John L. Crooks, Ernest P. Schraeder, Cornett School—Pansy Jones, Teacher, Paul Risk, Eva Brabant, Hazel School—Ferne Fugua, Teacher, Freddie Blase, Gatewood School—Katie Sievers, Teacher, Dora Cauthorn, Hattie Sharp, Benton City School—Alma Brown, Teacher, Hazel Hildebrand, Esther Northcutt, New Michigan School—Emma Sutton, Teacher, Frederick Renner, Mary Arel, Ned S. Bull, Anna E. Kraft, Clara Richards, Sophie Schulze, Gertrude Schroeder, Farber School—Price R. Maddox, Teacher, Reba Franklin, Mary Neal McCann, Georgia Tanner, Gladys Beely, Nadine Gray, Garth Chase, Bessie Williams, Canada School—Bettie Harshbarger, Teacher, Harold Garnett, Susie Adams, Lucile Brown, Bryan School—Mattie E. Slonaker, Teacher, Paul Weinand, Excelsior School—Mary Harshbarger, Teacher, Irene Wilson, Culwell School—Edythe Middleton Teacher, Floy Branstetter, Sims School—Edna Gant, Teacher, Willard Thompson, Pleasant Plains—Gladys G. Furber, Teacher, Carrie E. Levellen, Leta Middleton, Bots—Pearl Tucker, Teacher, Mary Bots, Maggie McFaddin, Roy Heizer, Cauthorn School—T. H. Leet, Teacher, Rowena Brown, Liberty School—Blanche White, Teacher, Edna Lee James, Ira Kunkle, Halley Watts, Crow School—Jessie W. Hill, Teacher, Lora Middleton, Black School—Sue Biggs, Teacher, William Clark, Melvin Williams, Esther Quick, McClintick—Lillie Lower,

Teacher, Ellen Stephens, Carter School—Ruth Cook, Teacher, Roscoe Grier, Melvina Grier, Maple Grove School—Lucy Lewis, Teacher, Bessie Tanner, Julia Fecht.

James Creed renews for the Message, ditto, A. N. Day, Harvey T. Powell, H. F. Dudgeon, Mrs. E. C. Offutt, Mrs. D. A. Wilson, Mrs. J. S. Beasley and John M. Young.

OLD CITIZEN DEAD.

Former Resident of This County Passes Away.

Mr. Harvey Reed, 84 years old, who for about 50 years lived on his farm south of Thompson, died early last Friday morning at the home of his son, Harry Reed, at Slater, Mo. He had been in declining health for several months.

A funeral service was held at Slater when Saturday afternoon the body was shipped to Mexico for interment. Rev. J. C. Handy, of the Methodist church here, held religious service at the grave. The following served as pall bearers: S. M. Loeke, C. E. Clark, James Groves, Jack Woolery, George Broek and A. G. Turner.

Deceased was a native of Tompkins county, Ohio, born Nov. 30, 1828. He came to this county many years ago where he became a permanent resident. His wife died about five years ago. The following children survive him: Harry Reed, Slater; Elmer Reed, this county; Mrs. Fannie Biggers, Mexico, and Mrs. Ollie Oakes, Alvarado, Texas.

TAKES A BRIDE.

And With Her Goes to National Elks Convention.

Fred W. Llewellyn, one of Mexico's most influential and highly respected young men, a member of the firm of Llewellyn & Sons, druggists, and Miss Mabel Elsie Eaton, a most highly accomplished young woman, who has been Domestic Science teacher in Hardin College, were married in the parlors of Hardin College Wednesday afternoon of last week, Rev. J. T. Greene, president of William Jewell College, officiating.

Mr. Llewellyn is Past Exalted Ruler of the local Elks lodge and left the same afternoon with his bride to attend the National Convention of Elks at Portland, Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn will visit many points in the West and will be absent three or four weeks. The Message joins many friends in extending them congratulations and best wishes.

The Christian Endeavor.

The Fifth District Christian Endeavor Convention held at Laddonia last week proved a very successful and helpful gathering. At the closing session the good people gave the visiting delegates a picnic and supper. The next annual meeting is to be held at Centralia.

The officers for the ensuing year are: A. R. Dallmeyer, Jefferson City, president; Miss Ridgeway, Centralia, vice-president; Miss Mayme Ratekin, Fulton, secretary; Mrs. T. T. Simmons, Columbia, treasurer.

Other officers are: Intermediate Supt., Miss Grace Collins, Mexico; Junior Supt., Miss Mabel Threlkeld, Mexico; Missionary Supt., Mrs. J. S. Maddox, Columbia; Tenth Legion and Quiet Hour Supt., Miss Nell Burgess, Columbia; Good Citizenship Supt., Dr. H. S. Daniel, Mexico; Press Supt., H. R. Aubrey, Jefferson City; Evangelistic Supt., Rev. G. S. Fletcher, Jefferson City; Social and Introductory Supt., Miss Bertha May Mackey, Fulton.

ELECTRIC R. R. TAKES IN \$78.

Those "Frog Kings"—A surprise Wedding.

Former Thompson Girl Gets Position—Girl Scouts to Camp.

James Allen and family have moved to Mexico from Thompson.

Mrs. John Summers, northwest of Laddonia, is reported in very feeble health.

The Girl Scouts of Mexico are to go into camp at the Scout Cabin near Rising Sun church, from July 11 to 13.

"Uncle Jim" Monroe, colored, of Laddonia, about 90 years old, is reported fatally ill. He was sold as a slave during the Civil War in Pike county.

George Leslie Ferris is trying to shine as the "frog king" of Missouri. He can't come it. Philip Shire and Martin Donnelly have him out stripped a mile.

O. J. Monroe of Forest, Ill., employed on the Wabash, fell from a car near the Brick Plant in Mexico last Thursday and was severely hurt. He was taken to the hospital in Moberly.

Farber is to have a big picnic in J. D. Pitt's Grove, southeast of Farber, on the day the county candidates are to speak, as per the county program. Geo. Adams and others have the plans for the picnic in charge.

The electric railway management took in \$78.25 last Thursday for passenger fare, the occasion of the big ice cream social given by the ladies of Rising Sun church. A monster crowd went out from Mexico.

Mr. Ben Eggleston, with C. P. Malone's dry goods store in this city, surprised his friends last week by slipping off to Walnut, Kan., and bringing home with him a bride, who was Miss Elizabeth Clements. Our best wishes extended Mr. and Mrs. Eggleston.

Miss Maxine Minnie Maxwell, daughter of W. N. Maxwell who formerly lived at Thompson, Mo., has accepted a position as secretary for the Combs Allied Base Ball Leagues, Kansas City, Mo., 410 Hall Bldg. Miss Maxwell was formerly stenographer for Kyle & Coon, attorneys at law, also the same position for the Anti-Saloon League, at Kansas City. Miss Maxwell was a former pupil of Mrs. J. W. Keltner, who was a teacher of Shorthand at Hardin College.

George Kabrich returned last week from a ten days' visit at Muskogee, and other points, in Oklahoma. He visited J. D. Ellis and family, who are getting along splendidly. A. H. Canterbury of Audrain is visiting Mrs. Ellis, his daughter. Mr. Canterbury will return to Audrain soon and shortly will leave on a visit to his son, Claude Canterbury, in Oregon. Mr. Kabrich told the Message that the wheat crop in Oklahoma is a failure, but the cotton crop is fine and the other crops are also good.

Mrs. Joseph Culbertson at Laddonia is reported to be quite ill.

Dr. M. E. Crawford, of Camden, Mo., was shaking hands with old friends here Monday.

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